

My name is Sadie Haskell. I am 16 years old and I ski with the Mad River Glen Freeski team. MRG is a very special place because of the friends, the core memories I have made there, and the adventures I have gone on. After joining the team I have found that skiing is my main passion in life. During the 2021 ski season, I started to take competitions and skiing, in general, more seriously and started setting goals.

This past season one of my favorite memories was when it was a powder day and my Freeski group wanted to go ski three cliffs at MRG. We were following one of my friends but we missed the entrance to Three Cliffs. We dropped in a little after where the entrance was. We missed the cliffs but we had a great time because we were skiing untouched lines in the trees on a powder day.

Some of my goals for this past season were to do tricks in comps, to get my 360s down well, to do well in the comps, and to try and make it to NORAMS. I was starting in a new age group (15-18) and I was a little nervous about the competition season. The first comp I did last year was the Stowe comp. I was super excited about it. I went into it not knowing what was gonna happen but knowing I was just gonna ski my best and have fun. I ended up third and I was super happy with that result. One week later February 12th I was skiing with some friends and took an unfortunate fall and broke my ankle. I was super sad. When I went to the doctor they told me I would be out for the rest of the season. For the next few days after I broke it, I kept thinking of how it happened and how I could have made it not happen. But then I realized that I can't time travel and I have to stop thinking about the past and start looking at the future. Even though I couldn't ski I would still tell my friends good luck at their comps. At the MRG competition, I went up and watched the awards and cheered for them. About a month later I was lucky to be able to sign up for Party Beach Ski Camp. I was so stoked that I was gonna be skiing in July. I had a goal to be able to be ready to ski by July. I worked really hard on my PT to be sure my ankle was strong and ready for camp. At the camp, I got recognized for taking the return to skiing slowly and getting big air safely.

Other than skiing I like to mountain bike, hike, and travel. I have traveled out west to Telluride in the winter and had a great time exploring the mountain. I hope that I get to go out west more and explore some other mountains. If I were to get the scholarship I would use it for the Freeski competition entries.